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AND METHOD OF)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,021,100
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,132,585
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,261,862
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,291,761
- (5) Japan 63-77167
- (6) Japan 2-237172
- (7) Japan 6-21493

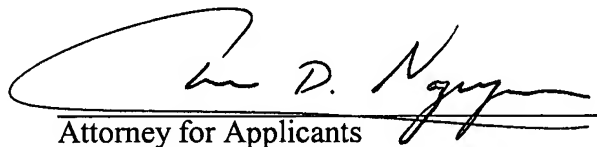
A concise explanation of relevance for references (5) and (6) can be found on page 3 of the specification. A concise explanation of relevance for reference (7) can be

found on page 5 of the specification. Each non-English language document is included with an abstract from which a concise explanation of relevance may be drawn. Also, references (1) and (2) are corresponding U.S. patents of references (6) and (7) respectively.

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